



National Protection Cluster

Minutes of Meeting (21 June 2018)

Locations: UNHCR Baghdad, UNHCR Erbil, plus Webex

Chaired by: Mohammed Khan (NPC Coordinator)

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- g. Strategic Update from CwC Task Force
- h. Update from NPC – REACH MCNA; HNO 2019 process & timelines; Assessment WG’s Common Database of Indicators (CDI); Service mapping; Staffing Changes (15 mins)
- i. Update from RPA mechanism

3. AOB

1. Review of Action Points from 17 May meeting

Action Points	Update/Follow-up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KRI PWG Coordinator to compile lessons learnt from Erbil & Dohuk PWGs – on protection considerations during camp consolidation and closure - to be shared with NPC. 	<p><u>Ongoing.</u> Inputs received from Erbil, inputs from Dohuk pending. Once finalized, it will be shared with NPC & CCCM Cluster.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPC requested to engage with legal partners working on detention to decide on the need for and scope of dedicated coordination mechanism for legal assistance related to detention. 	<p><u>Ongoing.</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPC requested to liaise again with the Education Cluster in order to obtain latest updates on MoE plans and advocacy efforts and to agree on possible follow up actions. 	<p><u>Completed.</u> NPC reached out to Education Cluster colleagues; decision about schools closure is still not confirmed; NPC will keep monitoring the situation.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPC and CP Sub-Cluster to check feasibility of having MRM trainings organized for interested partners working in C/S areas in light of several instances of forced recruitment, including potential child recruitment, by pro-government armed groups. Once confirmation of availability is obtained, the C/S PWG will compile a list of interested organisations/participants and share the list with CP Sub-Cluster who will liaise with MRM team. 	<p><u>Ongoing.</u> A list of interested partners was compiled and shared with MRM/UNICEF colleagues for their follow up re: organization of the trainings.</p>

Minutes adopted without amendments.

2a. Strategic Update from KRI & Ninewa PWG

- Challenges related to the militarization of camps in Ninewa Governorate continue, particularly in Qayyara sub-district. They have now been compounded by the withdrawal of the National Security Forces (NSF) from this area in the last days of May, leaving the provision of external security in Hajj Ali, Airstrip and Jeddah camps with the local police and pro-government armed groups, i.e. actors with perceived lower degree of independence from tribal structures and less clear lines of command. Since the withdrawal of NSF from Qayarra, a number of

protection incidents have been reported, including increase in detention cases, instances of aid diversion, incursions of pro-government armed groups into the camps resulting in community meetings coercing returns to Hatra or attempt of forced returns of three female headed households to Hawiga, or members of pro-government armed groups residing in the camps and putting pressure on camp management to provide them with preferential access to services. Humanitarian actors in Qayyara camps closely monitor the incidents related to armed actors presence in the camps and record them in a matrix managed by the Protection and CCCM Cluster. High-level advocacy regarding the withdrawal of NSF from Qayyara is conducted by OCHA and CM Coord.

- Obligatory security screening for IDP and returnee families upon launching the procedures to issue or re-issue civil documentation remains a key concern, leading to increased detention risks for individuals, but also blocking persons with perceived affiliations with extremist groups, including vulnerable women and children, from obtaining documents and hence, impacting on their access to services. Legal partners report numerous instances of general animosity, verbal threats or humiliation faced by NGO lawyers while representing cases of families with perceived affiliations. Most recently, a lawyer of one of key legal partners was detained in SAD when representing families currently displaced in Ninewa. Finally, as civil directorate offices re-establish their structures in the areas of origin, IDPs are increasingly required – particularly now by Qayyara and Mosul civil directorates – to launch the civil documentation legal proceedings in their areas of origin. This creates an obstacle for IDPs in access to documentation, as they are not be able to travel to their areas of origin due to protection reasons (risk of detention on the route, when they travel without documents, inadequate conditions in areas of return), or their freedom of movement is restricted within the camps.
 - Protection partners systematically report cases of families displaced in Ninewa camps, who are denied from returning to their areas of origin in Sinjar, Telafar, Baaj, Shirkat, Baiji and Hawiga.
 - **Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI): All KRI PWGs** - Continued concern of IDPs in selected locations across KRI (both camps and out-of-camp) in relation to the decision of IDP schools closure. Lack of clarity whether, when and how the decision will be implemented creates anxiety among IDPs and may potentially lead to some families deciding to prematurely return to their areas of origin or displace to another location. Most recently education has been reported as a factor influencing return intentions in Suly Governorate. Education Cluster with support of the Protection Cluster is leading the advocacy on this issue with relevant authorities.
 - **Erbil PWG:** Protection partners advocate with the EJCC and Assayesh for the return of some 400-500 families currently displaced in Khazer / Hasansham camps and willing to go back to their villages of origin in Hamdaniya district. Cooperation with mine actions partners has been triggered to better understand the levels of contamination in the areas of return.
 - **Erbil PWG:** Following months of challenges in upholding civilian and humanitarian character of Debaga camp after October 2017, as a result of the advocacy efforts conducted with the authorities, protection partners report decreased presence of armed elements inside the camp.
 - **Dohuk PWG:** As some 85% of IDPs intend to remain within Dohuk governorate as per the Intentions Survey outcomes, increasing number of partners continue to withdraw their services from camps and out-of-camp areas due to lack of funding and shift of donors' attention. Despite the concerning trends related to increased reports of suicides and suicidal attempts in the camps in Dohuk governorate, two MHPSS partners working in this governorate announced their decision to pull out by the end of June due to lack of funding.
 - **Dohuk / Ninewa PWGs:** Ninewa and Dohuk Protection Working Groups are launching consultations with their partners through a survey to better understand how they manage protection operations in Northern Ninewa (inc. Sinjar), so this process can inform Protection Cluster's decisions regarding the transition in coordination of these areas from the Dohuk PWG to Ninewa PWG.
- Sulaymaniyah PWG:** Some 50 families were displaced in Jabara sub-district in Kifri following the attack of extremist groups' pocket. CDO and Oxfam conducted assessments. In addition, authorities in Sulaymaniyah Governorate maintain their decision not to allow the families who return to their areas of origin and then come back, to re-register in the camps.

Action point: guidance from NPC on further advocacy requested by Sulaymaniyah protection partners.

2b. Strategic Update from C/S PWG

- **Anbar/Baghdad:** Reverse movement from areas of secondary displacement continue to occur in Anbar Governorate. It has been reported that 11 families moved from Baghdad, Sulaymaniyah to Amriyat al Fallujah (AAF) and Habbaniyah Tourist City (HTC) camps using private transportation. *Return to AoO:* Since last month, 63 families have returned voluntarily from HTC, AAF, Kilo 18 and Al-Khaldiyah camps to Al-Qaim, Ana, Rawa and Hadetha Districts via transportation facilitated by Iraqi Security Forces (ISF), MoMD and local authorities. Anbar Operation command completed the security screening for all IDP families of Kilo 18 camp checking the number

of families with security issues preventing them from returning to AoO. *Court in Al-Qaim*: The court in the district of Al-Qaim resumed works on 27 May; it receives approx. 250-300 case/day; more than 60 civil status related cases were finalized in the past two weeks. The *Compensation Committee* started its work in Al-Qaim; Sub-committees were formed in each sub-district of Al-Obaidi, Al-Karablah and Al-Rumanah for the purpose of identifying property damages. *Major Protection Concerns*: On 28 May, 8 returnee families were evicted from Al-Qaim to Kilo 18 camp due to accusations of alleged affiliation with extremist groups by local tribes. On 27 May, 52 families were not security cleared by Al-Jazera and Al-Badiyah Operations Command to return to their AoO in Ana, Rawa, Haditha and Al-Baghdadi cities. In Kilo 18 camp, only 43 families are still in the camp waiting for final approvals from local and security authorities either to return back to their camps in Al-Khaldiyah or to places of origin in Heet, Hadithah and Baghdadi districts; the majority of these families wants to remain in Kilo 18 camp rather than being returned to other camps in Al-Khaldiyah. Al-Jazera and Al-Badiyah Operations Command have included the 43 families in the security clearance process and will inform the families after Eid holiday about the results.

- **Sahal-Al Din**: *Returns*: In the last two weeks, 19 families returned to Al Bu Hashma city, 14 families to Yathrib city, 2 families to Farahiyah and 78 families to Aziz Balad districts. 317 families received a return badge to return to Aziz Balad and assess their homes. 12 families have left Al-Shahama camp to return to their AoO in Qayyara, Tikrit and Baiji after their return request was approved by SAD Operation Command through the sponsorship process. During the reporting period, 37 families have returned to different parts of Shirqat and 25 families have returned to Baiji. *Evictions*: partners working in SAD are responding to the threat of eviction of Al Diom complex, in Tikrit; 55 out of the 167 families are still residing in the complex. Other families went to informal settlements in Tikrit. According to JCMC representatives, the Governor of SAD has agreed to postpone the eviction from the complex until the end of Ramadan (as of today, the eviction has not happened yet). Other complexes in Tikrit are said to be closed by 27 June – no deadline has been communicated for Qadissya Complex.
- **Kirkuk**: 7 IDPs families (29 individuals) arrived to Laylan 1, Laylan 2, and Daquq camps in the last two weeks; 6 of these families came from Hawija district and 1 from Sal al-Din. These families moved to the camps due to lack of basic services and economic opportunity in their AoO. *Returns*: 38 families (246 individuals) have left the camps in Kirkuk Governorate to return to their AoO in Hawija district, and in Salah-al Din Governorate. On 4 June, MoDM and federal police started informing camps managements of the new return approval procedure where a committee of different security entities will visit the camps and process return approvals on site. On 5 June, the head of MoDM Kirkuk with a joint committee of different security authorities in Kirkuk visited Laylan 1 camp and met with the sector leaders to clarify the new procedure. The committee made sure to mention that their visit is for the purpose of facilitating issuance of security clearances for IDPS, and no one will be forced to leave the camp after getting the clearances. A new return form was given to IDP families in Laylan 1 camp. Some concerns around the new return procedure emerged, as many families with perceived affiliation to extremist groups were denied approval. In addition, this new procedure will further delay families willing and able to return to their AoO that will have to process their returns papers once again. **Tuz, Suleiman Beg**: the mayor of the city of Suleiman Beg has confirmed that 125 families have returned to the city; a large return wave is expected after the Eid holiday. **Tuz, Amirli**: return approval requests of IDPs coming from three villages (Al Naba'a and Maftul Al Kabeer and Al Sagheer) are being processed. Of 677 IDPs families, 455 have received security clearance; however, due to the extensive property damage, only 46 IDPs families physically returned to Maftul Al Sagheer, and 25 families to Al Naba'a village.
- **Karbala/Najaf**: 36 families registered for return in Kerbala bringing the total number of IDPs who returned from Kerbala to 6,037 since June 2015. During the last two weeks, 55 families registered for return in Najaf bringing the total number of IDPs who registered to return to 7,582 families.

2c. Thematic Update from GBV Sub-Cluster

- The GBV Sub-Cluster keep recoding the need for dignity kits and specifically sanitary napkins for women and girls in camps and out-of-camp locations across Iraq.
- GBV partners continued to implement GBV activities, including provision of case management and psychosocial support services (also encompassing recreational and risk mitigation activities), through mobile teams and static centers in camps and out-of camp locations, including in host communities and retaken areas.
- **Caring for Child Survivor Initiative**: During emergencies, many services for child and adolescent survivors of sexual abuse are run through CP and GBV coordination mechanisms. CP and GBV Sub-Clusters will be piloting a caring for child survivors of sexual abuse initiative in Iraq, specifically in Anbar and SAD governorates, in order to better prevent and respond to sexual abuse by integrating mitigation measures and supporting child friendly services. Response interventions, such as individual case management, which connect child and adolescent

survivors of sexual abuse to specialized services will be a critical components of the project. CP and GBV practitioners in Anbar and SAD governorates will attend a 5-day workshop in August with the aim to strengthen and manage quality response services supporting children and adolescents. Effective coordination mechanisms in emergencies need to be in place to ensure a timely response.

- **Call to Action on Protection from GBV in Emergencies:** The European Union (through DG ECHO) took the leadership of the [Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies](#) ("Call to Action") and will be hosting a Call to Action workshop for Iraq (country-specific) that will serve as an opportunity to present and discuss the "Call to Action" initiative; more broadly, the workshop will analyze lessons learnt and challenges during past emergencies in Iraq, as well as opportunities to adapt GBV programming to the current context. In order to accommodate more participants, there will be two workshop - the first one will be held on 17 July in Baghdad (location tbc); whereas the second one will be held on 18 July in Erbil (location tbc). Interested organisations are required to register by sending an email to Khanda Asaad at Khanda.asaad@echofield.eu specifying your agency, job title, contact details, as well as the workshop locations (registration by 28 June 2018).
- **In KRI:** Advocacy efforts with the Ministry of Interior in Erbil are ongoing on prevention and halt of trafficking of women and children.
- In IDPs camps in Dohuk Governorate, in particular in Garmawa camp, the reduction of food ration for families with more than eight members has the potential to increase risks of GBV (sexual exploitation) for female headed households.
- **In Ninewa:** Lack of shelter opportunities for GBV survivors has become an issue, and there is the need to refer GBV survivors to a safe space (discussion with MOLSA to establish one safe space in the Governorate has started).
- **In Centre-South Iraq:** GBV partners are expanding GBV services, including distribution of dignity kits to vulnerable women, in West Anbar/Anbar Governorate and Shirqat/SAD Governorate.
- GVC Sub-Cluster received several reports of sexual abuse in schools by teachers; the Sub-Cluster is working closely with CP Sub-Cluster and Education Cluster to see how to tackle the issue.

2d. Thematic Update from Child Protection Sub-Cluster

- **Child Survivors' Initiative:** The Coordinators will visit Iraq during 24 June - 5 July; they aim to finalize the work plan and ToR, and collect information related to services for child survivors of sexual abuse. (please cross refer GBV Sub-Cluster's updates).
- **Child Protection Minimum Standards:** training and consultation with partners will take place in two locations, 29 -31 July in Erbil and first week of August in Baghdad. Initial online consultations had 54 responses, prioritizing the critical standards relevant for Iraq. The training module will be based on those consultation results.
- **Alternative Care:** The consultant who will work on this issue arrived and will stay in country for the upcoming 10 weeks. She will meet with CP Sub-Cluster SAG members and Case Management WG members. The consultant is currently conducting the legislative framework review to understand the possible/different alternative care arrangements under Federal Iraq, as well as KRI.
- **MRM trainings:** the CP Sub-Cluster received more than 140 applications; whereas the Protection Cluster gather more than 40 interested participants across Iraq. The MRM team is compiling the list and making the necessary logistical arrangements to organize the trainings in KRI and Federal Iraq; the team will inform the Sub-Cluster and Protection Cluster about the locations and dates shortly.
- **Targets v. achievements of HRP (not including non-HRP funded activities):** As of the end of May, CP Sub-Cluster response is 43% funded, but some critical indicators are already exceedingly achieved (eg. community-based CP mechanism (133% achieved). The implementation of the CP community-based approach is going well, and the CP Sub Cluster is thinking whether to raise the target; on the contrary, specialized services for children have only reached 20% of the established target. This might have been caused by delays of Iraq Humanitarian Fund and major donors' disbursements during Feb-May 2018 that have significantly impacted partners' activities. Parenting programs achieved 31% of the target, which might be linked to the lack of common tools for parenting programs, or prioritization of this activity over others. The CP Sub-Cluster suggestion is to have another discussion on mid-year targets v. achievements, as well as analysis of critical gaps at the next NPC.
Action Point: NPC to share CP Sub-Cluster "targets v. achievements analysis for IDPs and Refugees" with NPC partners.

2e. Thematic Update from Mine Action Sub-Cluster

- There are now seven international NGOs with registration and accreditation (DDG, NPA, MAG, FSD, HI, DCA, HALO), however each of them is still struggling with visas for the staff and this is blocking operations.
- **Online request form for humanitarian organisations:** Last request for MA partners to intervene was received on 4 June (the total number of request now is 87). The MA Sub-Cluster has received a number of requests for Sinjar; Mines Advisory Group – MAG will be resuming activities there soon. Please contact, Portia Stratton Portia.Stratton@maginternational.org from MAG for more info.
- All organisations are reminded to factor possible mine action requirements into all planning and programming in areas previously occupied by extremist groups, and particularly those that have experienced military operations. Joint projects are encouraged; please reach out to MA partners for Risk Education and/or clearance (some examples of joint efforts are: (1) Mine action and UNESCO for historical sites; (2) Mine action and FAO for irrigation/agriculture; (3) Mine action and WHO for hospitals/clinics.
- **Explosives, Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and response:** In federal Iraq, MA organizations can only render items safe or move safe items; MA organisations cannot ‘destroy’ anything, the ISF is the only ones that can do this. This means that even if a MA organisation responds, if the item is deemed unsafe to move, we still have to wait for the ISF to show up; everyone is encouraged to phone 182 or 115 for response teams. *Residential clearance:* There are significant discussions ongoing regarding clearance inside private houses; still the GOI is the only one clearing inside houses, please advise people to phone 182 or 115. *Maps and Clearance:* Iraq is a very fluid context; partners were absent for a long time; maps only show known “knowns”, if a map doesn’t show a hazard, it doesn’t mean the area is safe
- **Explosive** and 10 July 2018 from 12:00 – 2:00pm; the next two sessions in Baghdad will be on 5 July 2018 and 19 July from 10:00 – 12:00pm. The language of training will be English. If there is a strong demand, future trainings can be conducted with Arabic translations. Interested organisations are encouraged to contact, Celine Cheng celine.cheng@unmas-iraq.org or Katrien Nollen katrien.nollen@unmas-iraq.org.
- **MA Sub-Cluster Coordinator:** the new Sub-Cluster will arrive on 5 July.
- **MA Sub-Cluster IMO:** iMMAP has been elected as the MA Sub-Cluster IMO.
- UNMAS has a 3-month gender advisor in who will be working with Mine Action organisations on incorporation of the UN United Nations Gender Guidelines for Mine Action Programmes.

2f. Thematic Update from HLP Sub-Cluster

- **Shelter Due Diligence guidance note:** The note aims at establishing minimum ownership level and is almost finalized; it will be shared at the next NPC meeting.
- **Rapid HLP service mapping:** the HLP Sub-Cluster is working on a rapid service mapping; a matrix has been shared with all HLP partners and should be filled in in the coming weeks.
- **Governorate level HLP focal points:** HLP focal points across Iraq (with the exception of Dohuk and Basra governorates) have been identified; the Sub-Cluster will share all details with its partners in the coming week.
- **HLP dashboards:** the Sub-Cluster is in the process of producing HLP dashboards based on data gathered by partners through the UNHCR Chat Tool; the dashboards will be shared with partners once finalized in July.
- **Compensation Committees:** no relevant updates since last NPC on the compensation process; HLP partners keep monitoring any new developments, as well as tracking numbers of filed and processed compensation claims country-wide based on data gathered at the central compensation committee in Baghdad.
- **HLP SAG Terms of Reference (TOR):** the Sub-Cluster TOR was endorsed at last HLP meeting; the HLP Sub-Cluster Coordinators are collecting “Expressions of Interest” applications from partners who would like to become SAG members.
- HLP Sub-Cluster Coordinators participated in a meeting organized by the Mine Action Directorate; it was agreed that clearance of civilian houses will start soon, and this will not affect the rights of households to file for compensation, especially in cases of housing damage due to clearance activities.
- **ICLA training on HLP rights:** HLP Sub-Cluster received a very high number of requests from partners, but were able to accommodate only few; accordingly, there will be another training in the coming months with the potential of holding more throughout the year. Information on these events will be shared in due course.

2g. Strategic Update from CwC Task Force

- “Stay Safe in Hot weather”: The CWC TF developed key messages on the topic together with CCCM and Health Clusters. Dissemination of the material will be coordinated with CwC TF members, as well as camp managers in KRI.

- Due to reports of fraud and exploitation cases in camps and non-camp locations in KRI, the key messages on neutral, independent and free of charge provision of humanitarian assistance will be reprinted and disseminated again in different locations across KRI, in order to raise IDPs awareness.
- Child marriage campaign: CwC TF members developed key messages on ending child marriage together with the CP and GBV Sub-Clusters. Graphic design and printing of the material will be coordinated with CWC partners.
- “Know Before You Go” messages were piloted in some IDP camps in Anbar and Salah al-Din governorates. Messages are undergoing some revisions based on feedback received during the pilot-testing.
- Recent reports of an increase in drug abuse among students in some schools in Mosul and Erbil, the CwC TF met with its members, as well as Protection and Health Clusters to discuss how to tackle the issue; it was agreed that the NPC will liaise with relevant authorities in these areas to guide CwC TF and partners on the best course of action for CwC future intervention on the topic.

2h. Update from NPC

- **REACH MCNA:** Reach will be rolling out data collection for the Multi-Cluster Needs Assessment for camp and non-camp locations in July. NPC and Sub-Clusters have worked with REACH to develop relevant indicators, questions and response options for the MCNA, based on the NPC/Sub-Cluster’s inputs into the Common Database of Indicators. This includes indicators that will be used for the severity of needs analysis by the NPC for the HNO 2019. MCNA will not cover data collection from informal settlements, which will be covered through the Risk Assessment Site Priority (RASP) conducted by Reach & CCCM Cluster.
- **HNO 2019 process & timelines:** Assessment Working Group (AWG) has shared the HNO process and timelines with ICCG. OCHA held an HNO Workshop for ICCG on 10 June to ensure everyone is on the same page in terms of Cluster responsibilities and adherence to HNO timelines, and also to gather inputs on: geographic focus; population groups; drivers of conflict/displacement; and cross-cutting issues. Data collection will occur in June/July by all Clusters and Reach; prioritization of needs and joint analysis will occur in July/August. It is anticipated that HNO will be launched in September. **Action Item:** NPC to share Powerpoint presentations from HNO Workshop & HNO Timeline with Protection partners.
- **Assessment WG’s Common Database of Indicators (CDI):** NPC and Sub-Clusters have worked with AWG to develop a CDI, to ensure that partners use the same indicators, questions and response options in their assessments. The CDI contains indicators for general protection, GBV, CP, HLP & Mine Action, at household and community level. The CDI is undergoing final review by Handicap International to ensure that disability/inclusion mainstreaming is adequately reflected; and AWG will also ensure that Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) related indicators are incorporated. Once completed, NPC will share the CDI with Protection partners, and my conduct briefings in Erbil and Baghdad.
- **Service mapping:** Taking a lead from the CP Sub-Cluster, the NPC has used project and output data submitted by partners into ActivityInfo to develop a comprehensive service mapping for the whole of Iraq. In the next stage of its development (in July), NPC will be reaching to governorate-level PWGs and national-level Sub-Cluster to populate the info related to referral focal points and their contact information into the Service Mapping. Once the referral focal point data is incorporated and validated, NPC will share the service mapping with protection partners. Although there may be some delay due to turnover of the NPC IMO position. NPC plans to update the data in the service mapping every quarter.
- **Staffing Changes:** Svetlana Karapandzic (C/S PWG Coordinator) and Carly Dunn (C/S PWG Co-Coordinator) both left the Iraq operation as of 14 June. UNHCR has commenced recruitment of Svetlana’s replacement; and DRC will soon advertise for Carly’s replacement. In the interim, NPC Coordinators will support the PWGs in C/S. Also, Ateeq Bashir (NPC IMO) is departing the Iraq operation by 8 July. UNHCR has begun recruitment of Ateeq’s replacement. In the interim, NPC has asked OCHA IM team for support till Ateeq’s replacement is identified, particularly during the critical HNO development period. Katarzyna Kot-Majewska (KRI/Ninewa PWG Coordinator) is also departing the Iraq operation by mid-July. Her replacement has already been recruitment and will join the Iraq operation in mid-August. At the same time, Annmarie McKenzie (Ninewa PWG Co-Coordinator) will depart the Iraq operation by mid-June. It is uncertain when her replacement will be recruited. Shadab Mansoori (Protection Officer, UNHCR) will support NPC with Ninewa PWG coordination from mid-July to mid-August when Kasia’s replacement arrives.

2i. Updates from RPA mechanism

- The RPA team undertook an assessment in an area of return in Balad district, SAD Governorate. The RPA was triggered by reports on restrictions of movement for IDPs who have returned to their villages of origin, HLP issues and lack of basic services. The assessment illustrated that the returned community are living in

inadequate shelter structures, resulting in risks to their security and physical safety; movement restrictions, including imposed curfew and barriers to return; lack of basic services and livelihood opportunities, and; contaminated areas within the villages themselves.

- The RPA team encourages Protection actors to continue to flag any issues with them, directly or through the NPC/PWGs, as returns begin to happen more rapidly.

3. AOB

- Next NPC meeting to be held on 12 July from 11:00 am to 1:00pm.